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This project investigates in detail two important aspects of direct-sequence spread-spectrum (DS/SS) systems: acquisition of the signature sequence and error performance evaluation.

Synchronization is probably the most difficult task a SS system receiver has to perform. This process aligns the phase of the locally generated signature sequence to the phase of the received signature sequence. It is normally achieved in two steps: acquisition, which is a coarse alignment of the phases, and tracking, which is a fine adjustment to bring the phase difference to zero. We have made several investigations to improve the acquisition process. The first improvement involves sequential acquisition schemes. Sequential schemes offer the most efficient (quickest to achieve acquisition) way to acquire a signature sequence. We proposed and developed design methods for some new sequential acquisition schemes, both with coherent demodulation and noncoherent demodulation [3][6][8][10]. These schemes are more efficient than previously reported schemes. The second improvement was on acquisition with the presence of data [7][11]. Most reported results on acquisition assume that there is no data during the acquisition period. However, there are many situations where it is necessary or desirable to perform acquisition while data is being transmitted. We showed that data modulation can seriously impair the performance of an acquisition system which was designed under the assumption of no data. We derived the optimum acquisition scheme with the presence of data and showed that a simple modification of the conventional method can essentially eliminate the effect of data modulation. This modification is an inclusion of simple correlator units. We also studied the effect of channel fading on acquisition systems [6][10]. It was found that Rician fading has an effect equivalent to reducing the SNR and that sequential acquisition schemes are somewhat more robust to the fading impairment than fixed-dwell schemes.

Another direction of this project was on the performances of DS/SS systems using complex signature sequences in a multiple-access (MA) environment [1][2][5][9][12][13]. Various modulation schemes, both coherent (Binary PSK, M-ary PSK, Sequence-shift keying (SSK)) and noncoherent (FSK, M-ary FSK, Differential PSK, and M-ary Differential PSK), have been investigated. Bounds and approximations for the probability of error were obtained. It was found that, in terms of the error probability, systems employing complex sequences can perform better than conventional systems which employ binary sequences. In addition, systems employing complex sequences can accommodate more users than systems employing binary sequences. This is because more sequences can be designed with good correlation properties when complex sequences are used. Such results suggest that complex sequences should be used in place of binary sequences in DS/SSMA systems, which is useful in applications such as mobile radio, where we would like to accommodate as many users as possible while retaining acceptable performance. Study also shows that complex sequences require approximately the same length of time to acquire as do binary sequences [4]. The tradeoff in using complex sequences is some increase in the complexity of the receiver.

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